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The case against Microsoft proved them most definitely guilty of anti-trust violations, and, yet, by reading the proposed remedy, I see nothing that will effectively limit them from continuing the very same practices. Their monopoly in the area of personal computer operating systems, under the proposed remedy, will continue unchanged. There is no punishment here for wrongdoing and is, instead, only a light tap on the hand and a reminder that they will be watched. But the watchers, those not employed by Microsoft, will be unable to effectively rein in the company when they return to their illegal practices. This remedy shows itself to be no remedy at all, having so many loopholes that even a person untrained in legalese can see them.

Please look to a different remedy, something that Microsoft will not easily agree to - after all, if they agree, especially so quickly, it must not be any kind of hardship upon their business practices. Perhaps a breakup of the company is not necessary, but whatever punishment is given for illegal activity, it should be in the form of a punishment and not a small inconvenience.

Thank you for your time,

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